

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-15 are presently active in this case, Claims 11 and 16-18 canceled, and Claims 12-14 amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, the title was objected to; Claims 17 and 18 were rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite; Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. patent number 6,455,366 to Lee; Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Lee in view of U.S. patent number 6,165,826 to Chau et al.; and Claims 12-15 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With regard to the objection to the title, Applicants have amended the title to reflect only the method claims pending. Therefore, the objection to the title is believed to be overcome.

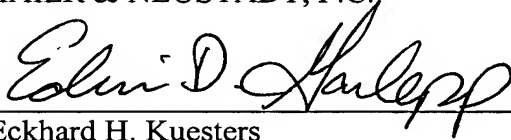
Applicants have canceled Claims 11 and 16-18, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Applicants have amended Claims 12-14 to be in independent format to include all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that these claims, and any claims depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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